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Four days, four wins

BY DAVE GILMORE
Sports Editor

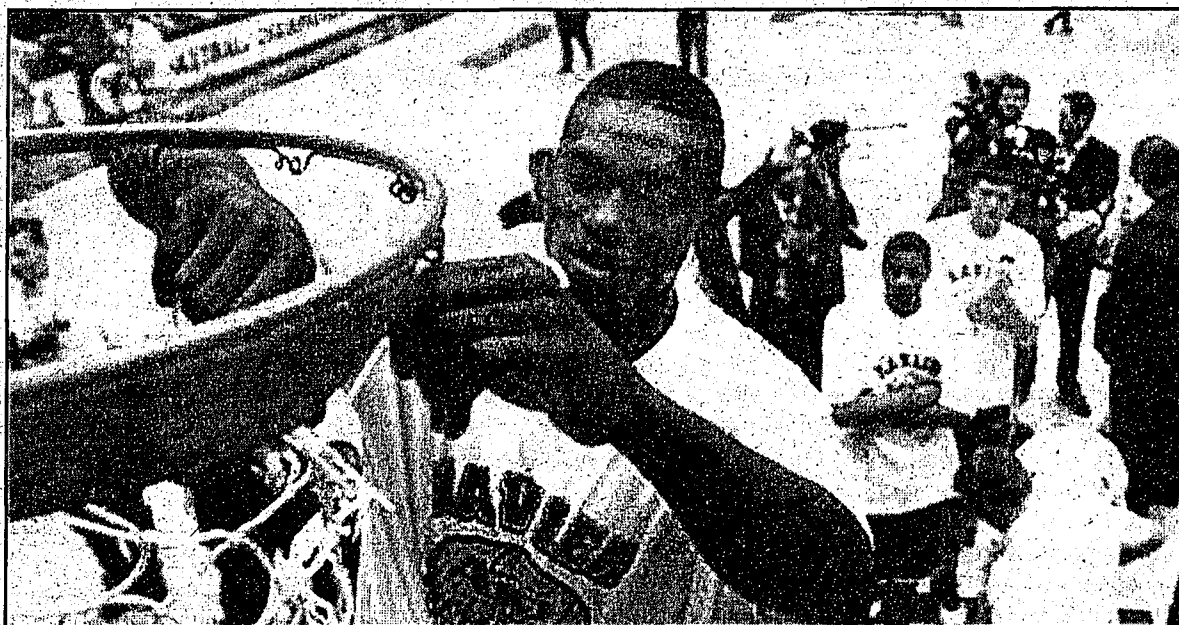
Going where only few teams had gone before, the Xavier Musketeers won a nearly improbable four games in four days that included the ousting of the top team in the country, culminating in an Atlantic 10 Tournament Championship and an automatic ticket to the NCAA Tournament.

The Musketeers defeated rival Dayton at UD Arena on Saturday in a harrowing comeback effort, 58-49. Senior Lionel Chalmers was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player and alongside classmates Romain Sato and Anthony Myles, carried the Musketeers to becoming only the ninth team in NCAA history to win four of its conference tournament games on its way to a championship.

"I don't think I've been more proud of this group of young men," Xavier coach Thad Matta said. "The road that this team has had to take to get to this night has been an incredible ride. I credit our guys for never giving up."

Sato and Myles were also named to the All-Tournament team along with Dayton big men Sean Finn and Keith Waleskowski.

In the championship game, Xavier's three impact seniors pro-



Senior Romain Sato cuts down part of the net after winning an A-10 record four games in four days to win the A-10 Championship in Dayton over the weekend. Sato scored 14 points Saturday.

vided much of the offense (Chalmers scoring seven, Myles with 13, Sato 14) the hero of the game turned out to be reserve sophomore guard Dedrick Finn, who scored 11 points off the bench. Finn drilled a fadeaway as the first horn went off to knot the score 27-27 at halftime, and again came up big hitting a jumper with 3:40 to go in the game for the eighth and final lead change.

"That was a big basket he made," said Dayton coach Brian

Gregory, "and he's made some big baskets over his career. I thought we forced him into a tough shot... That changed the flow of the game."

At the final buzzer, roughly 150 Xavier students and fans rushed Blackburn Court for the second time in the tournament to celebrate with the team as Chalmers proclaimed, "We made history, baby!"

The win on Saturday secures Xavier's place in the field of 65 for the NCAA Tournament. The Musketeers are seeded seventh in their

bracket and will play 10-seeded Louisville on Friday at 9:30 p.m. The winner of that contest will face the winner of second-seed Mississippi State, who defeated the Muskies 82-70 on Dec. 12, 2003, versus 15-seed Monmouth.

Xavier opens its NCAA Tournament play at the TD Waterhouse Center in Orlando, Fla., and should they advance to the Sweet 16, will play in Atlanta, Ga.

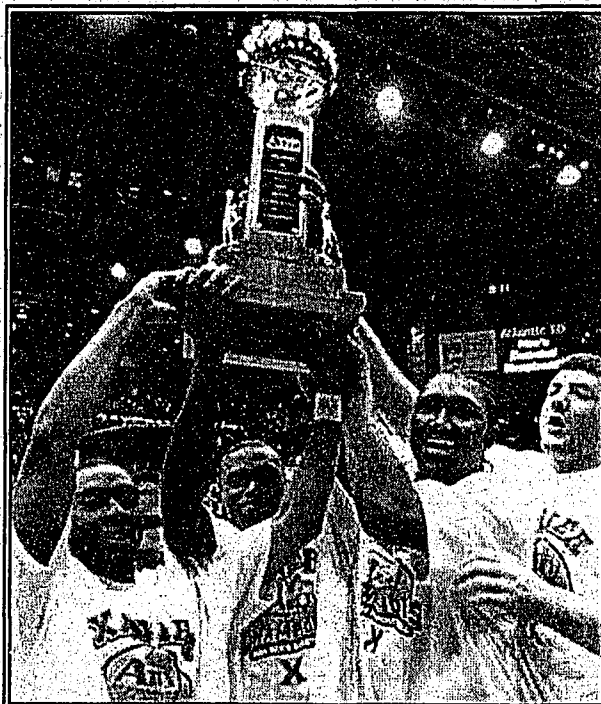
The road the Musketeers took to face the Flyers on their home

court in the finals was much less rocky than the championship contest.

In the semifinal game on Friday, the Musketeers faced a George Washington team who had split wins with the Muskies during two regular season games. This time Chalmers provided a 26-point effort, leading the muskies to a 70-47 victory.

On Thursday, the Musketeers faced their most daunting task of the tournament in knocking off the 27-0 and no. 1 ranked St. Joseph's Hawks. By virtue of winning the Atlantic 10 East, the Hawks were given a first round bye and were playing for the first time in 10 days. Xavier, who lost to St. Joe's at the Cintas Center by a score of 81-73 during their near winless January, shot a conference tournament record 71.7 percent from the field en route to an 87-67 win. Sato scored 24 points and pulled 11 rebounds in the contest, while Chalmers added 23.

After the game, Matta was pleased with the win, but was quick to remind his team and the fans that there was more work left to be done. "This is a great win for Xavier University but as I told the team, we didn't come here to beat Saint Joseph's, we came here to win this tournament."



(Left to Right) Seniors Lionel Chalmers, Romain Sato, Anthony Myles and Tom Compton.



Sophomore Dedrick Finn hits a two-point jump shot to take the lead for good against Dayton.



Head coach Thad Matta celebrates after winning the A-10 Championship in Dayton on Saturday.

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Walter Williams to speak

At 7 p.m. on Tuesday, in the Schiff Family Conference Center banquet room, Dr. Walter Williams is scheduled to speak. His weekly syndicated column is carried by approximately 160 newspapers including *the Cincinnati Enquirer*.

Williams will speak on the topic of "How much can discrimination explain?" The lecture is free and open to the public. His appearance on campus is being sponsored by Xavier College Republicans.

O'Neill shares Pro-life message

ANN TASSONE

Contributing Writer

On Monday pro-life supporter and actress, Jennifer O'Neill, visited Xavier University's Schiff Family Conference Center. O'Neill, 54, spoke to a crowded room about the effects of abortion and its societal ramifications on women.

This talk was sponsored by Xavier University's Students For Life, Student Government Association, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and Greater Cincinnati's Right to Life.

O'Neill was in her early 20s when she had her abortion. At that point in her life, she was dealing with many difficult issues. She had been modeling since the age of 15, married at the age of 17, and became a mother at the age of 19. Because of her mod-

eling career, she became an actress, starring in numerous movies, including the "Summer of '42."

O'Neill became pregnant with her second child when her only other child, Aimee, was a toddler. The father of her second child, to whom she was engaged at the time, was a different man than Aimee's father.

When he found out O'Neill was pregnant, he encouraged her to get an abortion. Jennifer says, "At that time in my life, I was so unstable, and a man who loved me was what gave me security."

She took the advice of her fiancé, and got an abortion. At the time, O'Neill had no idea that she was preparing herself for a lifetime of uncertainty, heartache and regret.

Throughout her life, O'Neill was married eight times. She has three children (Aimee, Reis and Cooper). As a result of her abortion, O'Neill has suffered nine miscarriages.

In the past five years, O'Neill has begun to speak out about her hard life, and her views on abortion have reversed. She gives lectures across the country, and has written two books ("Surviving Myself" and "From Fallen to Forgiven") with a third ("You Are Not Alone") reaching bookshelves in 2005.

Her books tell stories from her life, and touch on difficult issues such as teen suicide, abuse, self-esteem and abortion. She is now the spokesperson for the national "Silent No More" awareness campaign, which supports pro-life movements across America. In 2003, National

Right to Life presented the "Proudly Pro-Life Award" to O'Neill for her work on spreading the message of the negative aspects of abortion.

Additionally, she has found God in the midst of her struggles. O'Neill has realized that God is all-forgiving and all-loving, and that even though she has committed a crime commonly understood as murder, God forgives her.

When speaking to adults, O'Neill's message is mostly about pro-life issues, but when speaking to high school students, her message is one of abstinence.

She encourages everyone to visit her Web site, www.jenniferoneill.com, and contact her with any questions, comments or concerns.

Pro-Life week comes to campus

TARA DIXON

Senior News Editor

The week of March 15-19 is Life Week, with events sponsored by Students For Life taking place on campus each day.

"We have four main issues we're focusing on: abortion, hunger, euthanasia, and the death penalty," said sophomore Elizabeth Coyle, secretary of Students For Life.

Students for Life has received funding from the Student Government Association, as well as from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and the Ohio Right to Life.

For each of the focuses, there are daily activities and a visual display on the academic mall.

Monday's events included a baby shower. "It kicked off our drive for baby items for Old St. Mary's Pregnancy Center in Over-the-Rhine, and it's going on all week in the dorms," Coyle said.

That evening, actress and model Jennifer O'Neill spoke about abortion. Around 300-400 people were estimated in attendance.

"She spoke of all of the problems involved in abortion and her various personal experiences and reasons behind why she thinks abortion is wrong," Coyle said.

"She spoke from a different faith belief than most Xavier students, from a more Protestant or non-denominational standpoint. Her presentation was strongly Bible based. The club has no religious stance, but we don't necessarily agree or disagree."

Tuesday's focus was hunger. "We kicked off a canned food drive in the cafeteria that will go on all week," Coyle said. The food will go to a distribution center in Cincinnati.

Wednesday is Euthanasia Day focusing on and encouraging respectful care of the elderly.

"We're collecting change in the dorms for the Over-the-Rhine Senior Center's hot breakfast program," Coyle said.

Thursday's focus will be the death penalty. In the Gallagher Student Center from noon-2 p.m., students will be able to make cards to be delivered to inmates. There is also a

presentation of "Dead Man Walking" at 7 p.m. in Logan 101. Free pizza and drinks will be served, and there will be an informal discussion following the movie.

Each night of Life Week there will be prayer services on the academic mall at 10:30 p.m.

The academic mall is divided into four visual displays for each of the four Life Week focuses.

The displays have crosses representing an aspect of the issues as well as a sign explaining what the display is.

"We decided that instead of putting statistics on each sign, we would put information about how to get involved," Coyle said.

The abortion display has 151 crosses, representing the 151 abor-

tions performed each hour.

The hunger display represents the more than 100 children who die each day from hunger, or hunger related diseases, every five minutes throughout the world. There is a sign encouraging people to get involved in the canned food drive in the cafeteria this week as well.

The euthanasia display contains 38 crosses and information about volunteer opportunities and hospice care of the elderly.

"In Oregon, assisted suicide is legal. We have 38 crosses in this display because 38 people have been killed through legalized suicide," Coyle said.

The death penalty display contains 65 crosses representing the 65 inmates who were put to death last

year in the United States. There is also information posted about the activities on campus as well as the personal story of a death row inmate.

"The purpose of these activities are education and activism, hopefully leading into a deeper respect and understanding about life," Coyle said.

"This event is important because before we can do anything we have to live. Life Week is about giving everyone that right and showing people how important it is to respect and understand that."

"We in no way want to divide campus. We want to unite campus by educating with facts and involving everyone on at least one of the issues."

Students help orphans

DAN COX

Editor-in-Chief

Alternative music may be dead, but Alternative Breaks are going strong according to the 13 people who just got back from the Ukraine.

"I just wanted something else to focus on besides school," senior Site Leader Katie Weaver said.

While other students were heading for some fun in the sun, Weaver and her group went to the Ukraine to bear some frigid temperatures and help remodel two living rooms in an orphanage.

The Xavier students remodeled the rooms by tearing down old sagging wallpaper, putting fresh paint on the walls. Additionally they performed other maintenance tasks that go unfixed in the financially strapped orphanage.

The orphanage, better known as Orphanage 12 in Kiev, is home to children between the ages of 6-16 who have learning disabilities.

The group of students made a decision earlier in the year that this was something they wanted to do, instead of going to the beach or relaxing at home.

"The difference between doing service work for a week and only concentrating on that versus being here and worrying about school work is amazing," senior Amanda Corzine said.

"It was a great experience."

"We really didn't understand much because of the language barrier, but we did our best," said Greg Carpinello who works at Campus Ministry and also participated in the Ukraine trip. "The kids were shy at first, but they really came around by the end of the week."

The trip for the group also included a sprint through the airport in Paris to make their connection, only having hot showers for half of their days in Kiev and a Ukrainian circus that included some sexual clowns and trained chickens.

There was a bit of culture shock for the group, as they left the mea-

ger orphanage and spent a night in Paris to wait on their flight.

"Paris seemed flashy and odd," Weaver said.

"I got used to things at the orphanage. I was getting excited about the Russian I was learning and getting used to the food we were eating."

"I miss interacting with the kids," she added. "I already want to go back."

The group held fundraisers in the fall, and will have more in the Spring to raise money to help pay for their expenses and other Alternative Break trips in the summer.

Police Notes

March 3, 11:05 a.m. — A parent reported the theft of her purse from her unlocked truck while dropping her kids off at Montessori School in Joseph Hall. The purse was recovered two days later behind a tree in the South lot. The purse was missing her cell phone and wallet.

March 7, 4:45 p.m. — Two high school students were arrested in the C4 lot for the underage consumption of alcohol, urinating on cars, and running from the police during one of the high school basketball games being held at the Cintas Center.

March 10, 1:35 a.m. — A feminine-hygiene dispenser was broken into in the second floor women's restroom in the Gallagher Student Center.

March 12, 7:30 a.m. — Campus Police and Residence Life conducted several room searches in various residence halls for illegal contraband.

March 15, 12:35 a.m. — Campus Police assisted Cincinnati Police with a hit-and-run automobile accident in the 1500 block of Dana Avenue.

Police Note of the Week

March 13, 2:20 a.m. — Campus Police investigated a verbal/physical altercation between several male students which occurred in the O'Connor Sports Center parking lot and the 1200 block of Dana Avenue.



Members of the AB Ukraine trip share a meal with a Ukrainian family.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Crosses on the mall

Jimmy says:

The white crosses on the academic mall convey a message to the student body. Not a message of cause and consequence, but one of death and guilt.

The Students for Life (SFL), in fashion similar to the last several years, have placed white crosses on the academic mall to remind students and faculty of the consequences of abortion. Unfortunately, this approach is less educational and more of a scare tactic.

The message is dry, simple and rigid: if you have an abortion, you are killing someone.

There aren't discussion points written on those crosses about the other consequences of or the reasons women have an abortion. There are two messages: death and guilt.

Almost every instance of abortion is tragic. There was a potential for life that was ended for whatever reason, be it medical or personal. Commonly, those reasons are poverty or guilt of pregnancy.

The causes should be the main focus of the SFL, not the consequences.

There's an adult way to handle a public discussion on a controversial topic, and it's not through white, wooden propaganda.

It shouldn't be surprising to see scare tactics being used to persuade a group of people to act a certain way. Christian guilt is commonly used to strike the fear of damnation into its faithful.

In our modern nation-state, fear tactics are used to immobilize a group of people – think the Red Scare of the '50s.

The white crosses are no different. Instead of educating, they're scaring.

Attack the reasons for abortion, not the people who might be victims of them.

Lisa says:

Until last spring, every year at about this time, thousands of crosses would pop up on the academic mall, sending a powerful message to all who happened to pass through the area. This message, although painful and slightly unnerving, was the fact that thousands if not millions of babies die each year through the heinous act we call abortion.

Many may have gotten shivers up their spines at the eerie sight of these crosses. Perhaps people felt guilty; on the other hand, maybe many, like me, felt empowered to end these injustices against the innocent unborn.

People all over the world fight for the humane treatment of animals, while we humans do not treat our own babies with this same respect.

Maybe these crosses made some people uncomfortable, especially those who are pro-abortion, but that's the point. The reason this unsettling feeling happens is because deep down in their hearts they know that abortion is wrong. Maybe this realization will make people think twice before saying that a woman's right to control her own body is more important than a child's right to life.

We should not discontinue the practice of erecting these crosses just because it might make some people uncomfortable. We should not have to change to make people comfortable; if they are so uncomfortable, maybe they need to think about why they feel this way, and reassess their position on abortion.



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An American girl in London

A SELF-DESCRIBED BRAT FALLS IN LOVE WITH A WHOLE NEW WORLD

NORA MCINERNEY

Contributing Writer

I've always been considered, in gentle terms, an uptight girl. I'm the one who will bang on the wall and tell my neighbor to shut up if it's past quiet hours. I hold a grudge if you cut in front of me in the waffle line at brunch. And may the Lord have mercy on the poor soul who leaves their laundry in the dryer after the time has expired.

Naturally, when it was resolved that I would be spending a semester in London, my family and friends had doubts about my survival in a foreign land. I believe they had a pool going about how long it would take me to have a Nora-style mental breakdown.

Admittedly, I had my own qualms about studying abroad. Being used to having things go my way, I was aware that I was going to have to be a little more flexible in the coming months, particularly about going without the creature comforts that I am used to.

Although London is similar to any other American metropolis, there were some adjustments to be made. During orientation, I stayed in a Lilliputian-sized hotel room in Notting Hill. I then moved into a building that looks

like a strong wind is going to knock it down, where the hot and cold water come out of separate faucets and I shared a flat with seven guys. Here, the subway is called the tube, the shopping cart is called a trolley, Budweiser and Miller are imports and Hyde Park is not a shopping center with a 24-hour grocery store.

Traffic comes from the right when you're looking left, from the left when you're looking right and every time you cross the street you are flirting with death. A line is called a queue. I pay at least \$5 for every beer, and that's considered a good deal. I wake up every morning to Big Ben and the House of Parliament outside my window, and sleep with the hum of traffic below me. This is my new life in London, a far cry from my last semester in the Commons, where I had a view of the Gallagher Student Center and fell asleep to the sound of my neighbor's stereo bumping techno music.

To my surprise, arriving on foreign soil was not the shock to my system that I expected, nor did I meet the challenge by curling up in a little ball and crying, like most people expected. I love taking the tube to central London for class, then coming back to the south side of the River Thames to our flat. I love the crowds, the corner evangelists, the fashion plates, the bou-

tiques and the bizarre characters that fill Oxford Street. I love fresh bread at the markets, and buying tea and a croissant every morning from the corner bakery.

I love that on any given weekend I can take the train to Edinburgh, fly to Dublin, or take the Eurostar through the chunnel to Paris. I love it even more that I have actually planned and taken all of those trips.

For someone who personifies the word "stress," who depends on her mother and who does not like change, being this comfortable is unheard of. I never would have expected to be the most relaxed and peaceful that I've ever been while I'm thousands of miles away from everything and everyone familiar.

Anyone who knows me would be shocked to hear that more than one person here has described me as "laid back." I hardly believe it myself, but it's true. Maybe it was in the underground on my commute to class, or at Trafalgar Square at night, or at the National Gallery after lunch, but somewhere in London I lost everything that was winding me up for the past 21 years.

Most people come to Europe to "find themselves," but that was never my intention. I don't know why exactly I came here, but I know that I am going to remember this trip for what I lost.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Election controversy addressed

This editorial is written as an individual Senator and is not an official correspondence authorized by or on the account of the Student Senate.

First, sophomore Crystal Fry deserves recognition for being strong enough to voice her opinion in an attempt to empower her fellow students. Her editorial was well written and proves that she is very knowledgeable about the controversy surrounding the election.

While I feel that her opinion (and that of the students at Xavier who share her sentiment) is well founded, I write this as an acknowledgement and response.

Yes, the executive election this year was controversial and marred by some unethical practices that called into question the integrity of candidates and that of the organization they sought to lead. Yes, the rules and regulations documented in the Elections Code

(prepared by Senate's Association Affairs Committee) were broken and not upheld, though by no fault of the Board of Elections.

Yes, as a member of Senate, I was disappointed with the actions of my colleagues surrounding the very issues that were mentioned in the editorial. I hope that Ms. Fry's source did share that there were members of the Senate who stood solidly behind the documents that govern the elections process.

However, the votes have been cast, the winners declared, and the executive leadership-elect of the entire student body has committed itself to representing students to the best of their ability.

Now is the time for students to come forward and voice their opinions about things that student government should look into. Now is the time for personal agendas to be cast out and for us all to work and resolve issues that face students at this institution.

Now is the time to move forward in a cooperative spirit for the betterment of the entire student body. We can no longer afford to point fingers at each other in blame; this, as Ms. Fry pointed out, is not high school politics.

A unified front must be sincerely presented by the SGA to the administration, faculty and greater Xavier community on behalf of you, the students we represent. As members of the Student Senate and Student Activities Council collectively learn about and prepare to embrace our new elected leadership, I beg of our student body to do the same. Hold us all accountable to the high standards we demand of you.

The Senate welcomes your feedback on any issue during public forum. Our meetings are Mondays at 3 p.m. in Room 214, Gallagher Student Center.

—Omari Aarons
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"How to juggle"

Molly Boehringer

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"How to read minds"

Lisa Degenhart

Junior



"How to attract females"

Bradd Hunt

Sophomore



"How to perform tantric sex with Jimmy Dillon"

Chayon Mitchell

Junior



"How to play my guitar better"

Emily Fowler

Freshman



"How to avoid having tantric sex with Chayon Mitchell"

Jimmy Dillon

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"How to do a cartwheel — I've tried to learn so many times!"

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"How to be more like Katie Meyer, who is more awesome than Batman"

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A-10 recognizes Musketeer's success

Four Xavier University student-athletes earned accolades this past Monday in the Atlantic 10 Conference Weekly Honor Roll. Senior Miles Mailliet and freshman John Streibich were honored in golf, while junior Lauren Clary and freshman Jackie Villines received honors for tennis.

Mailliet was named Atlantic 10 men's golf Performer-of-the-Week. He tied for first at Xavier's St. Croix Collegiate Classic, and was the runner-up after losing the second playoff hole.

Streibich was named Atlantic 10 men's golf Rookie-of-the-Week. In Xavier's St. Croix Collegiate Classic, he totaled a 227 after shooting rounds of 73, 75 and 79.

Clary was named Atlantic 10 women's tennis Performer-of-the-Week. She is 23-3 in singles play this season, including 14-1 first singles, and is 20-3 in doubles play with 13-1 first doubles.

Villines was named Atlantic 10 women's tennis Rookie-of-the-Week. She went 4-0 at sixth singles, posting wins against Bethune-Cookman, Central Florida, Grand Valley State and George Washington. She is 20-3 in singles competition this year.

Baseball rallies over Penguins

The Musketeers came back from a seven-run deficit to post a 13-12 win over visiting Youngstown State Monday.

Xavier has now won its last three games and has a 6-10 overall record.

Senior Jason Morelli had a career day at the plate. The second baseman was 4-for-6 with three doubles, four RBI and a run scored.

Overall the Musketeers had 12 hits to the Penguins' 10, including a 2-for-4 performance from sophomore Sean Brewer who added a run scored and an RBI. Freshman Drew Roberts collected two RBI and scored two runs.

Rifle places fifth at championships

The Xavier rifle team placed fifth in the 2004 NCAA Championship contested last Saturday at Murray State.

The Musketeers finished with a team score of 6,164, placing them just 19 points out of second. For the sixth year in a row, the University of Alaska-Fairbanks won the title.

The Musketeers fired a score of 4,622 in smallbore and 1,542 in air rifle.

Freshman Brian Watson, who was named an Honorable Mention All-American, shot a personal best 394 in air rifle.

Junior Hannah Kerr led smallbore efforts with a 1,177.

Lady Muskies prepare for run at 2004 WNIT

BY CASEY WELDON
Sports writer

With the bitter taste of failing to qualify for the NCAA Tournament still in its mouth, the Xavier women's basketball team will look to satisfy its postseason appetite with the 2004 WNIT.

Beginning tonight at 7 p.m., the Musketeers will start their run towards postseason glory when Miami (OH) pays a visit to the Cintas Center.

The winner between the RedHawks and the Musketeers will play the winner of the Idaho State (20-8)/Iowa State (15-14) game, which takes place in Ames, Iowa today.

The Musketeers (17-12), who fell to the eventual Atlantic 10 Tournament champion Temple Owls in the quarterfinals of last week's tournament, struggled through a turbulent season.

A late-season winning streak of six games gave Muskies fans hope for an NCAA Tournament bid, but an abrupt losing streak that spanned four games all but relegated the Musketeers to the WNIT.

The 21-8 RedHawks lost on a buzzer-beating shot last Friday in the semifinals of the Mid-American Conference Tournament.

This local match-up will mark the 17th all-time meeting between the two academic gems of Southwest Ohio. The last time Miami and Xavier met was during the 1999-2000 season.

XU won the last meeting in the former home of the Muskies, Schmidt Fieldhouse, 90-48 on Dec. 28, 1999. Xavier has won six of the last seven meetings between the schools.

Even the coaches are not invulnerable to the rivalry. Xavier head coach Kevin McGuff was an assistant at Miami for three seasons from 1993-96, and MU head coach Maria Fantanarosa was an assistant at Xavier for four seasons, 1990-94.

This year's trip to the WNIT will mark the sixth time in the past seven years the Muskies will participate in postseason play.

It is the second time in those six campaigns the Musketeers will have participated in the WNIT.

In 1998, Xavier's only other appearance in the WNIT in school history, the Musketeers lost to Indiana, 80-74.

Miami is making its first-ever

postseason tournament appearance.

Sophomore forward Tara Boothe will lead the Musketeer attack into the postseason.

The First Team All-Atlantic 10 honoree and All-Academic performer averaged 18.3 points and

7.6 rebounds per game, both among the A-10 leaders.

Senior Colleen Day, a member of the All-MAC First Team, leads Miami with averages of 14.8 points and 8.3 rebounds per game.

What's On Tap?

Wednesday	Saturday	Sunday
*Women's basketball vs. Miami (OH)# 7 p.m.	* Baseball vs. Toledo 12 p.m. (DH)	* Women's tennis at Duquesne TBA
Friday	* Men's golf at Steve Kerr Invitational TBA	*Baseball vs. Toledo 12 p.m.
* Baseball vs. Toledo 3 p.m.	* Women's golf at Tapatio Springs Shootout TBA	* Women's golf at Tapatio Springs Shootout TBA
* Men's basketball vs. Louisville 9:50 p.m. in Orlando	* Men's tennis at Marquette TBA	Home baseball games are played at Hayden Field
* Men's tennis at Marquette TBA		Home basketball games are played in the Cintas Center
#WNIT opening round hosted at Cintas Center	All home games are in bold	

Clean Campus Competition
Schedule of Events

March 17 @ 3:00 in Kelley Aud.	Guest Speaker: Erin Howard from the Department of Natural Resources will be giving a demonstration of the EnviroScope model. Come find out what it is!!
March 22 @ 3:00 in Kelley Aud.	Guest Speaker: David Tracy from Keep Cincinnati Beautiful will be speaking about litter prevention and recycling
March 26	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Competition ends at 8:00 a.m. 2. Guest Speaker at 1:00 in Alter 201: Christy Kellner from the Department of Natural Resources will be speaking about the Economics of Recycling. 3. Live Band and Winner Announced at 3:00 in GSC atrium

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GAME OF THE WEEK

Men's basketball vs. Louisville
Friday, 9:50 p.m.
TD Waterhouse Arena
Orlando, FL

The Musketeers rallied in the last month, swept through the A-10 Tournament, and now get to face the 10-seeded Louisville Cardinals in the first round of the Atlanta region.

If the Muskies win, they could face second-seeded Mississippi St. for the second time this year.

When the Sun Goes Down, Silence is Easy for a College Dropout



Kanye West
College Dropout
(Roc-A-Fella)

GRADE: A+

Kanye moves from producer to rapper

Kanye West has proven himself as a talented producer the last few years. He's produced hits for Beanie Segal, Talib Kwali and Jay-Z, and with *College Dropout*, West tries his hand at a rap career.

Music critics and musicians alike are promoting West as the herald of the next rap era, and after listening to his album, it's hard not to agree with them.

West takes some of the tired cliché topics that hip-hop has been using for the last decade and puts such a different spin on them that it feels like someone is dousing you with cold water.

Take the track "Jesus Walks," as an example. If you heard that a rapper was going to make a song about God, you'd probably roll your eyes and imagine someone with a giant diamond studded cross around their neck, talking about how they believe in God, but don't go into any more detail than that.

Now look at West's song where he spits "To the hustlers, killers, murderers, drug dealers even the strippers / Jesus walks for them" and "The way Kathie Lee needed Regis that's the way I need Jesus."

He even admits later in the song that people told him he could rap about guns, sex and murder, but that he couldn't rap about Jesus because they don't do that on rap albums.

West goes on to say that he decided to put the song in because even if it takes away from his record sales, there are some things that are more important than how much money he's going to make off the album.

Never thought you'd hear a rapper say that, did you?

So break away from the lyrics for a second and just listen to the music.

You're not going to find any thumping baselines or semi-attractive, semi-talented women singing choruses on these songs either.

West was a producer first, and it shows up well on the album.

He's got a lot of things on the album he rhymes over that are absent from most rap albums, like an acoustic guitar, orchestras and a variety

of different rhythm speeds and styles.

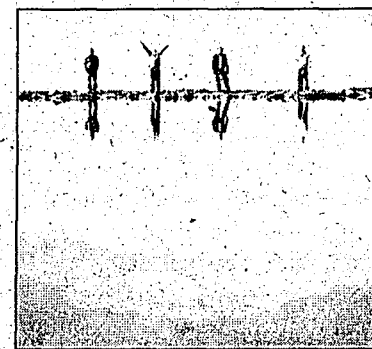
You're not going to find any over-used thumping bass lines on this album, every song you hear sounds original. Techno beats, orchestras and acoustic guitars fill this hip-hop CD.

Finally, if anyone was confused about whether or not West is respected in the hip-hop community for going in this new direction, one only has to look at the guest appearances made on the album.

How many rookie albums feature artists like Jay-Z, Talib Kwali, Ludacris and Mos Def?

Time will tell if West is such a huge influence as people think he's going to be, but by the looks of the star-powered guests, innovative production and original lyrics, everyone's predictions can't be that far off.

— Dan Cox
Editor-in-Chief



Starsailor
Silence is Easy
(Capitol)

GRADE: B+

Starsailor matures in second album

The members of Starsailor take their music to a new level with the release of their album, *Silence is Easy*.

This time around, it is obvious the band is not trying to fool listeners with their final product. Every song is short and to the point.

Each track is stripped-down and played to its essential nature, with the entire album containing only three tracks that surpass the four-minute mark.

Songs "Fidelity" and "Shark Food" are able to lure listeners in with their simplicity, while "White Dove" and "Restless Heart" keep the emotion of the album alive with a timeless quality.

It quickly becomes clear that Starsailor is no longer trying to lull listeners into a state of depression by writing songs with grandiose implications and heavy solos.

Rather, they have discovered ways of lifting listeners up to new heights, making it seem like solos are an unnecessary invention of the past.

What listeners are left with, then, is a graceful blend of lead singer James Walsh's voice, resembling that of the late Jeff Buckley, and an equally intense arrangement of strings.

Nowhere is that chemistry more apparent than on "Four to the Floor." It is nothing less than a self-defining track that links the band's past to its hopeful future.

By taking up their own role in the British music scene, Starsailor has entered into the argument for why the island in the Atlantic has redefined the idea of what we have come to know as "pop-rock."

On "Born Again," they even let listeners into their discovery of such prestige, rhythmically chanting, "I was born again/I was born again/United to the world they put me in."

By proving that stripped-down melodies are able to stand on their own, Starsailor is able to take back lost ground in the genre, and at the same time, distance themselves from the growing number of forged acts.

They still have plenty of time to grow into the shoes they are attempting to fill, but now that they make silence seem easy, nobody will fail to hear them.

— Patrick Gill
Contributing Writer



Kenny Chesney
When the Sun Goes Down
(Bna Records)

GRADE: B-

Kenny Chesney makes 'island music'

Country music has recently been taken over by a new phenomenon. Alan Jackson pioneered it, and now on his latest album, *When*

the Sun Goes Down, Kenny Chesney tries and fails to adopt the "island country" sound.

Initially, "island country" was a fun idea, but with multiple tracks on this album that try too hard for the Caribbean feel ("When the Sun Goes Down" and "Outta Here," among others) it seems tired.

Also, Chesney's choice of a duet partner, Uncle Kracker, on the title track is odd and lacks the island authenticity of Jackson's partner Jimmy Buffet. "Outta Here" is the best of the island batch with a catchier beat and no Uncle Kracker.

The rest of the album suffers from the same tired "been there, done that" feeling as well. For the most part, each track seems to follow one of Chesney's three basic tried and true song themes.

First, the lesson song ("There Goes My Life"), second, the good

ol' days songs ("Keg in the Closet,") and, third, the fun, laid-back song ("Outta Here") offer nothing new from the artist.

What is really missing from the album are the songs that Chesney's fans have come to love the most — the fun, original songs like "She Thinks My Tractor's Sexy" and "How Forever Feels." No tracks on this album even come close to those incredible originals.

Chesney must have been suffering from an originality block when he wrote this album.

Besides the recycled song themes and sounds, Chesney struggles to reach a decent number of filler tracks, in the end, stuffing the album with three live tracks cleverly disguised as "bonus" tracks.

The bonus tracks, however, happen to be some of the better efforts

on the album, making it worth the purchase.

"Please Come to Boston" is a sweet ode to the sacrifices that entertainers have to make in their personal lives to accommodate their careers, and "Live Those Songs" is a fun play on '60s songs.

Despite the lack of originality, *When the Sun Goes Down* is a decent album. It may not be quite as fun and original as Chesney's previous albums, but it is still better than many other current country efforts.

Current fans will still love this album, but anyone who has never heard Kenny Chesney before would do better to try a previous album to get a feel of how great his potential really is.

— Amy Schroeder
Contributing Writer

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WEDNESDAY

March 17

Top o' the morning/afternoon/ timeless warp where reality is just a figment of your imagination to ya! Hope all you laddies and lassies are wearing your green in celebration of this very special day. The reason everyone is wearing green today, of course, is in recognition of Errin Howard of the Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services. She'll be talking about how to keep the Earth green through the EnviroScape model at 3 p.m. in Kelley Auditorium.

If you found a four leaf clover and are feeling lucky, see if you can hang out with our dear Campus Police for an hour without them detecting that you have already gotten extremely intoxicated by mid-afternoon. Today's Coffee Hour will be taking place in the Campus Police station at 3:30 p.m.

If Officer Grossman's personal exhibition of self defense maneuvers scared the beejesus out of you, get your blood-alcohol count back up into the double digits at the St. Patrick's Day celebration on the greenspace. In what manner will the celebration go down? Only in the manner of the oldest Irish tradition: Lucky Charms wrestling. Green beer and Guinness will also be on tap for those of you who are over 21, and the Cheap Suits will be playing for all of you who have always wanted to hit on Dr. Colella, but were prevented by your sobriety.

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Calendar City

By John Houser. To place an item in the calendar, mail to newswire-calendar@xavier.edu or ML 2129.

The basketball game that everyone's been awaiting is finally here. The Xavier women take on Miami at 7 p.m. in the Cintas Center for the first round of the WNIT Tournament. If you look really hard, you'll be able to see that Aida Sarajlija's teeth are still slightly stained green.

Are you a senior who wants to get more drunk? Sure, we all are! If you roll on up to some bar called Dana Gardens, and you buy a senior brick or already bought one, you can get blizzity-blammered for chizzity cheap. Oh, and if you buy a brick, write down that John Houser told you to buy it and I'll get a bunch of money. Do it, sucka!

THURSDAY

March 18

Scientists have concluded that the average hangover on March 18 ends at 6:59 p.m. The wise members of the Xavier community have taken this into consideration by planning three events for those of lucid minds at 7 p.m. today.

If you graduated with your Ph.D. (Player Hatin' Degree), then you best stay away from Kelley Auditorium. Ted Jaction will be speaking about Discrimination in the 'Nati. So go sip on your Haterade somewhere else, fo' real.



The patron saint of corned beef and potatoes himself

If you are more entertained by zombies and other crazy unnatural things, "Dead Man Walking" will be showing as part of Life Week in Logan 101. If I saw a dead man walking, I would be really upset about it until I realized that my friends had just dug someone up out of their grave and walked around with him as a joke to scare me. Then I would be okay again.

Our final 7 o'clock event is a discussion of the Prospects for Democracy in Iraq on 10th floor Schott. Saddam Hussein will be live via satellite to answer questions and to discuss his new book, "Me and Dubya, the Honeymoon Years."

A little late on the bandwagon, Voices for Change will open tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the GSC studio. Voices for Keeping Things More or Less the Same will perform a short

opening piece titled, "I Preferred the Old \$20 Bill."

FRIDAY

March 19

Magician and juggler Ryan Siebert will be performing at 7 p.m. in the Clocktower Lounge, followed by the Celebrate Diversity party at 10 p.m. Ironically, this party will only be attended by one type of people, a group known as Those Who Hate College Basketball. On a completely separate note, the #7 seed Musketeers take on #10 seed Louisville at 9:50 p.m.

SATURDAY

March 20

There will be free dinner and a movie offered tonight at 6 p.m. in the Commons. Get free Papa John's and Subway and pick up free passes to AMC Theatres. If the food is so good you want to taste it the second time around, go to "The Passion of the Christ" and get queezy as you watch some nice guy from Palestine get his ass kicked for 2-plus hours.

SUNDAY

March 21

In case you forgot, today is Memory Day.

The Floorwall Jazz Quintet will be playing at 3 p.m. today in the GSC Theatre. They will be performing their latest hit, "From the Window to the Wall," with special guest Lil' Jon. Yeah! Let's go!

MONDAY

March 22

As part of the Clean Campus Competition, David Tracy from Keep Cincinnati Beautiful will be speaking at 3 p.m. in Kelley Auditorium. He will discuss methods of keeping the 'Nati beautiful such as teaching the Great American Ballpark how to apply mascara in a way that really brings out its eyes, starting the Ohio River on a healthy workout regimen, and botoxing I-75.

TUESDAY

March 23

Hey seniors, has people asking you every day if you are ready for graduation not served as enough of a reminder of your impending doom as a college graduate? Well then, lucky for you Commencement Countdown will be taking place today and tomorrow from noon to 7 p.m. Here you can buy your overpriced cap and gown, overpriced announcements, overpriced graduation pictures, as well as purchase your package for a seven-day blackout known as Senior Week. Senior bricks will also be on sale (somakesureyoureport that! soldittotyou). God bless the Irish, Erin go Bragh!

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